

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
See page 4 for statistics.
Cloudy tonight and Friday. Occasional rain. Temperature slightly above normal.

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GIVE AND TAKE

That continues to be the war situation as Great Britain battles to prevent threatened collapse of her empire, and the Nazis attempt to lift a strangling blockade. Daily reports in the NEWS-REVIEW are prompt and reliable.

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BRITISH BLAST NAZI NAVAL BASES, CITIES

In The Day's News

THE spotlight of world interest (on Tuesday) is still on Russia. What is she planning to do? Is Stalin getting suspicious of his gangster partners? Is he preparing to stop Germany's threatened drive down through the Balkans to take Suez in the rear? Will whatever he does HELP BRITAIN?

If you are wise, you won't expect Stalin to do anything idealistic. Whatever Russia does will be done for RUSSIA'S BENEFIT, and Russia's alone.

Nations (except the U. S.) do not act on idealistic motives—least of all present-day Russia. If whatever Stalin does should benefit Britain, it is because he fears Britain's Germany more.

A THOUGHT at this point: Russia has always had class-conscious government, with the dumb masses at the bottom and the smart few at the top. After 25 years of revolution, her situation is fundamentally unchanged.

The only change from the past is a NEW SET OF SMART ONES AT THE TOP.

A LL over the world, since history began, there has been class-conscious governments, with the smart few at the top running the lives of the masses at the bottom.

Moral: If you are among the masses, and discontented, don't expect class-conscious government to improve your lot.

A Portland man loses by theft a string of prehistoric Indian beads he says is worth \$3,000.

It is interesting to speculate on what it was worth to its prehistoric Indian owner and in what terms. He certainly wouldn't have parted with it for 3,000 U. S. dollar bills, which would have been UTTERLY USELESS TO HIM.

Interesting thought for an idle moment: The standards of value that rule our lives today may be utterly

DRAFT REGISTRATION SMOOTH, ENTHUSIASTIC

Total Goes Over Advance Predictions

Ability of Democracy to Meet Emergency Proven, Dykstra States; Few Disturbances Mark Response to Call.

By the Associated Press
Clarence A. Dykstra declared in his first public statements as draft director today that "those who had thought we were soft and supine and, as a democracy, could not move with effectiveness, may be disappointed."

The 57-year-old University of Wisconsin president added that "the news is that the registration went off more than happily—with enthusiasm."

"It shows the ability of a great democracy to rise to an occasion of this kind," he told a press conference.

An chief of the nation's first peacetime selective service system Dykstra's main task will be to supervise the drafting for military service of approximately 5,000,000 young men from the more than 16,000,000 who signed up yesterday.

Shortly after Dykstra took office President Roosevelt issued an executive order authorizing him to appoint necessary members of local draft boards, appeals boards, government appeal agents, and local board physicians. All such work now will be under the new chief's direction.

Dykstra called the effectiveness with which the registration was carried out, only a month after enactment of the conscription law, an evidence that government and citizens can work together to do "a most effective job."

In response to questions, Dykstra said the immediate administrative detail to be handled was to clear with state governors the appointment of appeal boards.

"There are sure to be appeals," he said, "as soon as the lottery is held and actual selection of men begins."

The approximately 5,000,000 civilian soldiers to be drawn from yesterday's registrants will, according to present plans, be spread over a five-year period, with the first call to go out in mid-November.

Estimates Exceeded
As the counting and sorting of yesterday's registration cards began, preliminary reports from across the country said with frequency: "Registration exceeded advance estimates."

Good-humored and even gay for the most part, the young men of

Registration in Oregon Fails to Meet Estimate

A total of 732 selective service registrations from 11 of Douglas county's 50 precincts, was reported today at the office of County Clerk Roy Agee. Mr. Agee today is making a personal collection of cards from each of the draft registration boards and only those from Roseburg and immediate vicinity so far have been tabulated.

SALEM, Oct. 17.—(AP)—About 120,000 Oregon men registered for possible military service yesterday, the total being about 43,000 less than was anticipated, state selective service headquarters said today.

The exact number will be known in a few days, but the estimated figure was based on reports from four counties.

Selective service headquarters had estimated that 163,000 would register yesterday, this figure being 15 per cent of the state's population. But officers explained today that apparently less than 15 per cent of the population are men between 21 and 36 years of age.

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Noted Business Executive Dies

Fred M. Kirby
WILKIE-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Death has ended the brilliant business career of Fred M. Kirby, wealthy merchant who played an important role in the founding of the F. W. Woolworth five-and-ten store chain.

He died of pneumonia last night at the age of 79.

Starting as a \$2-a-week clerk in a Watertown, N. Y., store, Kirby had acquired 96 stores when he merged them into the Woolworth system in 1912.

Later he extended his business interests and became one of the nation's richest men.

Job Promises Of New Deal Prove Fizzle

WPA Program Needs Shake-Up, Willkie Asserts; Wallace Argues for Extension of Social Security Benefits.
(By the Associated Press)
The problem of America's jobless held the campaign spotlight today as Wendell L. Willkie called for a revision of the WPA program and Henry A. Wallace termed present unemployment insurance too conservative and said that it would have to be made more generous.

Willkie charged that the new deal had made a "frank and shameless promise" of more unemployment and added that "our promise is more jobs."

In a speech prepared for Evansville, Ind., he called for changes in the WPA including greater emphasis on public works projects under private contractors and allocation of relief funds to the states according to the amount of unemployment. Willkie's talk was one of a number on the day's crowded schedule of campaigning in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Industrial Link Urged.
Discussing labor-employer relations in a speech at Springfield, Willkie said:

"By precept, by example of government, by understanding, active or free discussion, co-operation can be substituted for coercion. Every sound employer knows that this method is worth a trial."

"On the one hand, the labor racketeers and their communist brethren who fish in troubled waters should be eliminated, preferably by labor itself. On the other hand the unwise leadership among employers must be brought to full realization and recognition of all the rights of labor."

The government, Willkie said, should contribute to a better understanding between labor and em-

Youngest U. S. Senator Named



Joseph H. Ball, St. Paul, Minn., youngest member of the United States senate when he was appointed this week by Governor Stassen to succeed the late Ernest Lundeen, killed recently in an air crash. Ball, 34 years old, is a republican. He was among political notables who registered yesterday for selective service in the army.

Major Ports Of Kiel, Brest Raid Victims

Fires Set at Hamburg, Bremen, Cuxhaven by Plane Fleet; Germans Continue Costly Bombing of London.
LONDON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on the German naval base at Kiel last night, some of them "straddling" a warship, the air ministry now says announced in a bulletin. Drifting clouds made observation of results difficult although the raiders carried on the attack for two hours for the second night in succession.

Their targets were the Deutscher Werke and Germania ship yards at the naval base.

The incessant bombardment of German war bases and war industries, now tied in with a growing naval offensive, was reported to have caused new and "extensive" fires also at Hamburg, Bremen and Cuxhaven.

Great damage was caused, the air ministry announced, by bombs dropped by planes of the coastal command in a daylight attack today on the power station of the German-occupied naval base at Brest.

The synthetic oil production plant at Leuna was the objective of another bomber group, the ministry said, while munitions factories and a power station in Saxony were hit. Five British planes were reported lost.

The fierceness of attack and defenses in last night's RAF operations was hinted in a concise air ministry communication acknowledging loss of five planes.

Nazi Convoy Destroyed
Prowling for action in the English channel and the North sea, British warships were reported last night to have destroyed an entire convoy of five German vessels and to have sunk a sixth ship "successfully."

Apparently this was a submarine action—a follow-up to the recent reported naval bombardment of Dunkerque and Cherbourg, on the German-occupied French coast.

In the Mediterranean phases the admiralty admitted the S-10 cruiser Liverpool had been damaged in an Italian torpedo plane attack. The Liverpool reached her base with an undisclosed number of casualties.

The admiralty announced today that casualties suffered by the British cruiser Ajax in her victorious battle with Italian warships last Saturday were two officers, nine

Truck-Auto Crash Kills Geo. Long, 73

Store Owner of Camas Valley Suffers Broken Skull When Hurlled to Pavement.
George Long, 73, proprietor of a small store and service station at Camas Valley, died at Mersey hospital last night as the result of injuries suffered Wednesday afternoon in a truck-douglas collision at Stephens and Douglas streets in Roseburg.

Chief of Police John S. Duer said Long apparently was tossed out of his light coupe when the car struck the curb after being thrown out of control by collision with a farm truck driven by J. F. Hensley of Umpqua.

A skull fracture resulted as Long fell to the pavement.

Officer Duer said he was informed by witnesses that Long was driving his car in an easterly direction on Douglas street and was crossing Stephens street, the Pacific highway route, when the collision occurred with the northbound truck driven by Hensley. Both vehicles swung into Douglas street, with Long's coupe leaping the curb and coming to rest on the sidewalk.

State police and city officers are conducting an investigation into the accident. No inquest has yet been called.

Mr. Long was born August 13, 1867, at Mechanicsville, Iowa, and came to Oregon about 60 years ago engaging in farming near Baker. He was married to Viola M. Purcell at Baker, September 9, 1906. In 1917 he moved to Lebanon and in 1928 he engaged in farming at near-by Crabtree. For the past six years he had made his home in Camas Valley.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Viola M. Long, of Camas Valley, and the following daughters and sons: Mrs. Nellie Sumpter, Tangent, Ore.; Mrs. Zella Stuart and Mrs. Irene Apple, both of Albany, Ore., and Charles W. and Frank G. Long, both of Camas Valley. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Celia Condit and Mrs. Estella Scott, both of Idaho, and by seven grandchildren.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and funeral services will be held in Lebanon Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Crosley of the Christian church at Lebanon officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery there.

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Philippine Scout Captain Nabbed on Spy Charge

MANILA, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The arrest of Captain Rufa Romero of the Philippine scouts on suspicion that he was preparing to give several confidential documents to unauthorized persons was announced today by the U. S. army intelligence service.

Romero, a graduate of West Point, was held for court martial. He has been attached to the fourth infantry engineers, U. S. A., Fort William McKinley. Two Filipino civilians also were arrested in connection with the case.

Intelligence officers said Romero was arrested after photographing several confidential documents from Fort McKinley, where he had access to them due to his responsible position in the engineers.

West Coast Safe, Congressman Says

Defense Set-Up Found in Good Shape; Air Base Work Runs Far Ahead of Schedule.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Chairman Darden (D., Va.) of a house naval subcommittee returned from a tour of Pacific ocean defenses today with the statement that he had "no concern over the safety of the west coast."

"I have no concern over the safety of the west coast, but I don't mean to say that a stray raider, roaming the ocean, might not break through and sink a few merchant ships or maybe shell a city, but the damage would be slight."

"I don't think any enemy would even get to Hawaii but even if they did, it wouldn't do much good," he asserted. "With these islands out there, we ought to have noticed 2,300 miles away of any movement against either Hawaii or the United States—they are wonderful shields."

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The United States "now stands ready" to meet the challenge of any aggression, says Lewis Compton, assistant secretary of the navy.

He told the Franklin institute last night that construction of bases in the Aleutian islands, the mid-Pacific and Puerto Rico is running six to eight months ahead of schedule while other bases are rapidly nearing completion.

"When this program is completed," he said, "this country and the whole western hemisphere should be able to stand impregnable against an attack from any possible combination of enemies."

New turbine equipment installed on U. S. naval vessels gives them an advantage over foreign ships in cruising radius and economy, he said, and "we shall no longer have to concede a speed superiority to foreign navies."

Lindbergh Draws "Ignorance" Reply

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The United States can do in two years the job of arming what Germany did in seven, says Louis Johnson, former assistant secretary of war, and this can be done because it was planned for and developed.

In a nation-wide broadcast last night in reply to an earlier radio address by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, Johnson charged the famous aviator with "ignorance of the United States, of its state of preparedness, and most of all, of its iron will."

Johnson called Lindbergh's address a plea to "sacrifice the principles on which the United States was built," to "appease Germany and Japan" and to "stop helping Britain."

"The American navy is the most powerful in the world, he continued, and working in conjunction with the British fleet "can keep air and land forces beyond striking distance of American coasts."

"If, and only if, Britain and her navy fall into hostile hands, would we face a dangerous situation."

Dairy Truck Upset Near Corvallis Kills Driver

CORVALLIS, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A local dairy, was killed instantly at 7:25 this morning when his truck overturned near the city limits.

Donahue recently came here from Portland, where he is reported survived by a divorced wife and three-year-old child.

Brothers, Sisters Will Be Joined in Double Wedding

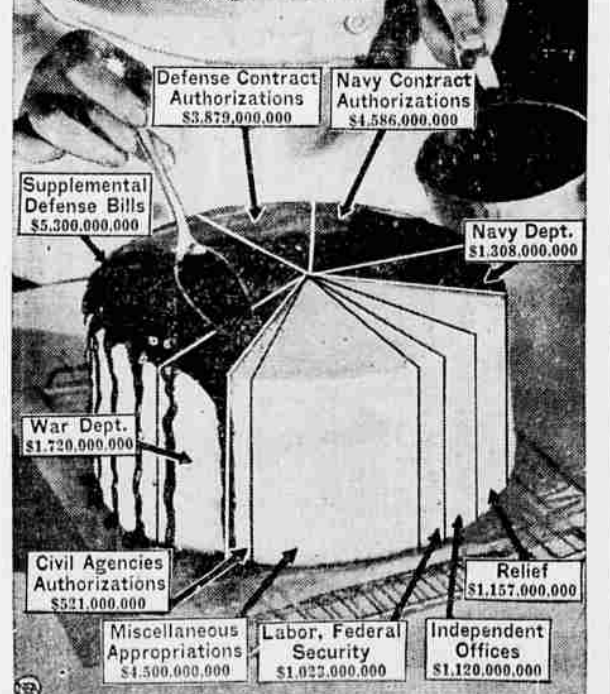
A double wedding in which brothers will marry sisters was indicated in licenses granted today at the office of County Clerk Roy Agee. One license was issued to David Perron and Bernadette Cook, and the other to Arthur Alfred Perron and Emma Belle Cook. All are residents of Brockway.

Democrat Committee Of Clackamas Drops Dead

OREGON CITY, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Philip T. Soreghan, chairman of the Clackamas county democratic committee, dropped dead while conversing with W. L. Gosnell, one-time private secretary to former Governor Charles H. Martin, at a party rally in the city hall last night.

Soreghan, a democratic candidate for the state legislature, had been a grocer here for 25 years. His widow and several children survive.

How Congress Spent 25 Billion



Congress covered the national cake with a 25-billion-dollar icing this session, voting cash appropriations or authorizations to that amount, to be spent over a period of years. National defense bills accounted for two-thirds of the money, as shown by dark sections of cake.



W. F. WRIGHT holds one of the tremendous squashes growing in a field at his farm in the Curry estate community. This particular specimen weighs about 175 lbs. "The largest squash I ever have grown weighed 270 lbs.," Mr. Wright told me. "I think the average you see about me now will go from 90 to 100 lbs."

An acre and a half of ground is devoted to the squash crop this season. The soil is good bottom land, not irrigated. The squashes are used for stock feed.

If you look closely at the squash beside Mr. Wright in the picture above, you may be able to distinguish his name carved thereon.

During the draft registration yesterday I looked and listened, but neither saw nor heard any applicant being snatched out of the waiting lines and willy-nilly being made a Captain of Did you?

I hope when these men are called to the colors the government has something better than tents and cow huts to house them in—that seems to be about all there is now.

Did you ever live in a floor-less tent in the winter time of a rainy country? If you're lucky you lived through the experience, although at times you wished you wouldn't.

Analyst Predicts Willkie Will Win

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Emil Hurja, who as a democratic analyst forecast the 1932 and 1936 elections accurately, predicted yesterday the election of Wendell L. Willkie by a plurality of from 1,500,000 to 3,000,000 voters.

"So great is the defection among 1936 Roosevelt voters in urban areas," Hurja said, "that if it continues, the present campaign may take on the proportions of a landslide."

Hurja, executive director of the democratic national committee from 1932 to 1936, now is publisher of Pathfinder magazine. His prediction, before a republican meeting, he said, was based on an "idealized cross section poll" taken over the nation within the last ten days.

He said President Roosevelt began to slip as early as 1936 and a close study of that election showed that despite his 11,000,000 plurality, he lost strength in 58 per cent of the counties of the United States and 70 per cent of the middle western counties.

From 11 to 14 per cent of the voters, Hurja found, now are in the "don't know" class. He said the majority of these did not vote in 1936 and have not decided what to do in 1940.

Hurja said he found 67 per cent of the voters were opposed to the third term and "this may well decide the election." His poll of persons on relief showed a drop of 12 1/2 per cent in Roosevelt strength.

Draft "Traagic Mistake," Doctor Townsend Says

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Speaking on the day that 16,000,000 young Americans registered for possible military service, Dr. Francis Townsend declared here that "the drafting of millions of men is a tragic mistake. If we are at war, let us acknowledge it and make war. If not, let us call upon volunteers."

The pension-recovery leader opposed reelection of President Roosevelt, pointed out that the national convention of his organization almost unanimously opposed election of any president for a third term.

Advocating "a change from the present administration," he turned to Wendell L. Willkie, republican standard-bearer, to warn: "I can't promise you the new man coming in will do any better, but if he doesn't, we can give him a kick in the pants in four years."

Battle in Robbery Effort Wrecks Car, Jails Youth

THE DALLES, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A fight in the front seat of a speeding automobile near Biggs last night sent an automobile into the ditch and landed Warren Williams, 18, of Yamhill county in the Wasco county jail, Sheriff Sexton said.

Williams, Sexton explained, admitted picking up Arne Melhus, 19, hitch-hiker, striking him over the head with a revolver in an attempt to rob him. The blow failed to knock Melhus out and the fight ensued. Melhus Peters, former Montana deputy sheriff, who drove by at the time, pulled the two men from the wrecked car and brought them here. Neither was seriously injured.